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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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| was filed on | July 10, 1996 | , as application | n Serial No. |
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| 08/677,824 | and was amended on | | applicable). |

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Section 119 of Title 35, United States Code, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application(s) or inventor's certificate(s) on which priority is claimed:

| PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS | | Filing Date | Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119 | |
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| Japan | Hei 07-185450 | 21/7/1995 | х | |
| Japan | Hei 07-187433 | 24/7/1995 | х | |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on July 10, 1996 and which has been accorded Application No. 08/677,824

and in and to said application, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent upon said inventions to the Assignee or to such nominees as it may designate.

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